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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **Highly Homogeneous Molecular Markers for Electrophoresis**
Inventors: Tadayoni-Rebek *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.5300001/RWE/ALS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b);
2. Two (2) pages of Form PTO-1449 citing nine (9) documents;
3. A copy of the nine (9) cited documents; and
4. One (1) return postcard.

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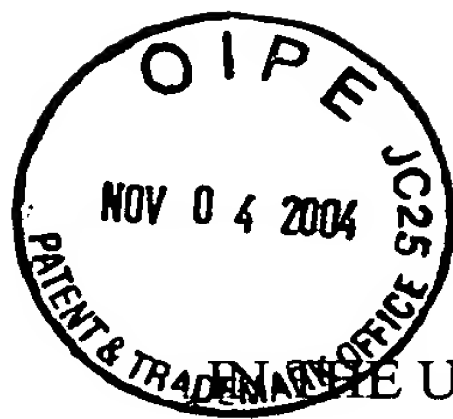
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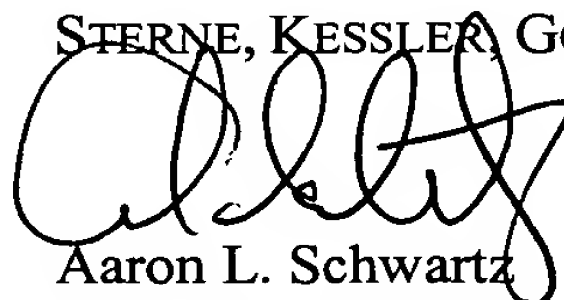
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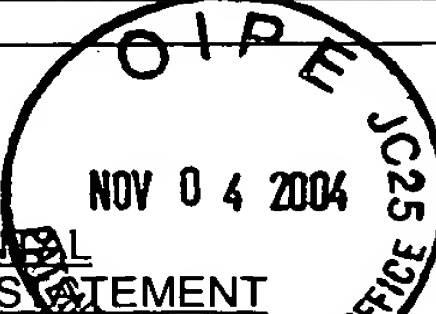


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